(vii) Ensuring timely availability of and issuance of foodgrains by fair price shops.

(viii) Creating awareness among public about PDS operations, training Vigilance Committees of intricacies of PDS operations.

(ix) Making fair price shops financially viable entities – allowing them to sell non PDS items etc.

Illegal occupation of HVOCL land

55. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 528 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 2005 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an ex-employee of HVOCL has illegally occupied one and half acres of land at Sabji Mandi, Ghantaghar, Delhi for the last eight years;

(b) if so, what legal action has been taken so far by the company for vacation of the said premises;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the said person has rented out the premisis to an unauthorized person, who is running a small factory; and

(d) if so, whether Government would take some stringent action to remove that person from the premises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes Sir, The ex-employee while in service had been allotted a portion of the accommodation built on a corner of the land. The said person has not vacated the same.

(b) The Company has not paid retrenchment/terminal benefits to the ex-employee. Legal action to get the accommodation vacated has already been initiated, which is pending in the Tis Hazari Court.

(c) No sign of any factory running in the premises was noticed by the team of officials of HVOCL who last inspected the site on 28.4.2007.

(d) A case has been filed in the Court of Law for vacation of the premises under the ex-employee's unauthorized occupation.

Godowns in Andhra Pradesh

56. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of godowns taken over by FCI in the State of Andhra Pradesh since 2002;

(b) the rentals paid to Andhra Pradesh State Warehousing Corporation godowns since 2002;

(c) whether it is a fact that rentals have been revised from April, 2002, and the FCI is not paying the revised rates to APSWC as has been done in the case of other warehousing corporations and the CWC;